Theodore Parker's Farewell
letter to Father, July 31, 1859.

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[illegible] up to his L.? Remember me kindly to your wife & your children. To Mrs Holcott, Mrs Mary & the Symingtons Mrs Wall, at the office, & believe me

affectionately & thankfully Yours

Theodore Parker,

P.S. I enclose a letter for Susan & think she will call for it. Should Rev Dr Putnam [illegible] or the Misses Rhinds.

hopeless with more gallant hearted, no
martyr ever more nobly bore what
came as the earthly reward of his
nobleness. The great work of a great
man is himself, his character; that is
given to do in work this: his special
labors fail of immediate triumph.
I am to thank you for what your
character has taught me—it
has been a continual source of strength.
I value Integrity above all human
virtues. I never knew you fail—
no, nor even falter. God bless you
dear— But it is getting late, &
I must write no more. & Dr
Eliot will ask "What brought you

Theodore Parker's farewell letter
to W. L. Garrison.
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My dear Mr Garrison.

I thank you heartily for your very kind note, & beg you to come that mistaken you by the hand once more before we go. I can't talk much. So let me say you a brief word with the pen.—

I knew you long before you ever heard of me. & often heard you speak—never without instruction & admiration. Then we were living here & you NE & the North great service. Then we were both in Europe & Soldiers in the same great cause, with L. Garrison, Horace Mann, & R. W. Emerson. You took the most dangerous & difficult part, & no soldier ever